

House Resolution 1691

By: Representatives Cummings of the 16th and Richardson of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Ralph D. King; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, as a young man, Dr. Ralph D. King served in the U.S. Army from 1951 through
3 1954, including 16 months in Korea, after which he attended college and obtained a B.S.
4 degree and a D.V.M. degree from the University of Georgia, and then established a practice
5 in veterinary medicine in Polk County; and

6 WHEREAS, he opened his first office in Rockmart and began serving the Northwest Georgia
7 community, spending his weekends serving livestock sales barns and answering farm calls,
8 and soon he opened a second office in Cedartown to serve the community better; and

9 WHEREAS, he has always been a true cattleman, and he established and maintained a herd
10 of Simmental cattle and used his herd to pioneer the introduction of improved genetics, and
11 he became a source for high quality, locally adapted bulls and heifers, both registered and
12 commercial, to enhance the herds of his clients; and

13 WHEREAS, he was long a supporter of cattle-related youth activities such as the 4-H Clubs,
14 and he supplies numerous calves for those activities, often lending animals to young people
15 for training, development, and showing, and he has always offered encouragement,
16 assistance, and advice to persons of all ages who had an interest in cattle; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. King has always been a pillar of his community and is involved in
18 community affairs, including membership in the First Baptist Church of Rockmart;
19 membership in Gideon International, including service as president of Polk County Gideon
20 Camp; membership in the Kiwanis Club, including service as a member of the board and as
21 president; service on the board of the Rockmart-Aragon Hospital, including service as
22 chairman of the board; service on the Polk County Development Authority; and membership
23 in the Polk County Chamber of Commerce, including service as president; and

1 WHEREAS, he and his lovely wife, Shirley, are enjoying the fruits of their labor by
2 participating in various leisure activities, including world travel, and he continues to provide
3 veterinary services by occasionally filling in for other veterinarians in the area.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body honor and commend Dr. Ralph D. King for his many achievements
6 and his contributions to his community, this state, and the nation.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Ralph D. King.